

There will be no varsity baseball at the University of Kansas this spring season of 1943. Inability to schedule games is the chief reason. The Reception Center at Leavenworth and the Machinists Mates School here on Mt. Oread have not started their baseball practice as yet. There is a rule in the Big Six Conference which prohibits teams of the Big Six from scheduling schools below their academic rank. This prohibits practice games with the Haskell Indians. Kansas Aggies are not playing baseball. The greatly curtailed budget for the baseball team prohibits games with other Big Six schools.

Kansas could have a very much stronger infield than last year, but her outfield would be much weaker. We have no Knute Kresie or T. P. Hunter this year for pitching assignments. In fact, no pitchers of experience are available. Warren Hodges, crack varsity catcher last year and clutch hitter, could be available, but he is working as a meat cutter at one of the downtown butcher shops in the afternoons. He would be available for varsity play but this essential industry for him is of prime consideration.

It was therefore decided to call off varsity baseball practice since final examinations start May 8th, giving too short a time to get in a satisfactory number of practice and match games before the season is over.

The war psychology is definitely doing something to intercollegiate sports. For instance, one day before our decisive basketball game with Oklahoma, Armand Dixon, a regular, left to visit his home in California rather than to play in that important contest. For the Missouri game at Columbia, Missouri, on March 2nd, Ray Evans decided at the last moment to pass up this important game and he did not accompany the team to Columbia, but upon second consideration caught the train the following morning to arrive in Columbia just prior to the game. Then all the basketball players passed up the Creighton game, with the exception of Buescher and he was not called into service. They did, however, return for